

## **REMARKS**

No claims have been added or canceled by this Amendment. Therefore, claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 19, 25-30, 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 remain pending.

This Amendment is intended to place the subject application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3, 6, 14-16, 19 and 25-29 have been allowed.

Independent claim 30 (and claims 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 which depend therefrom) stands rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,812,279 to Voegeli. As amended herein, independent claim 30 recites a lock having an interior portion positioned on an interior portion of the dome, and recites said interior portion of the lock as being free of sharp edges. Although Voegeli appears to teach a pedestal closure assembly having a lock 23, the interior portion of the lock 23 (i.e., the portion of the lock 23 positioned on the interior portion of the dome 12) is not free of sharp edges. On the contrary, the interior portion of the lock 23 includes, among other things, a keeper 27 having sharp (e.g., square) edges that can clearly snag cables when the dome 12 is removed from or installed on the base 11, 21. See Fig. 3 of Voegeli. For these reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Section 102 rejection of amended claim 30 and claims 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 which depend therefrom.


## **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is

believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

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